

Standards and Discipline

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Both are cornerstones of Air Force Core Values and help build American citizens' trust

"Throughout Air Force history a common thread emerges for our longstanding successes— adherence to standards and discipline," said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley. "Standards provide a framework for attention to detail while discipline ensures accountability."

As the world's most dominant air, space and cyberspace force, the Air Force is expected to maintain the highest level of standards and discipline. The American people entrust us with not only their tax dollars, but their safety, security and way of life—for this we are accountable. This trust is not given; it is earned through the great pride, professionalism and attention to detail we display as we execute our day-to-day operations.

In order to maintain that trust, every Airman must adhere to the Air Force Core Values: *Integrity First, Service before Self* and *Excellence in All We Do.*

Integrity first

- Be responsible; a person of true integrity acknowledges his or her duties and acts accordingly
- Be accountable; not only for your actions, but the actions of your subordinates
- Have self-respect; behave in a manner that brings credit upon yourself and the Air Force

Service before Self

- Follow rules: adhere to all standards, regulations and instructions in duty performance
- Respect others; look out for your Wingman/subordinates, a failure for one is a failure for all

Excellence in all we do

- Continue improvement; reinforce the highest standards, which maximize the Air Force's effort
- Focus on mission completion; every task is significant

"A disciplined force puts mission first; flies, fights and wins as a team; knows the rules; pays meticulous attention to detail; and is accountable for the final results," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley.

Our chief supporters—the American public— expect the best from its Air Force, and we owe them nothing less.

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